

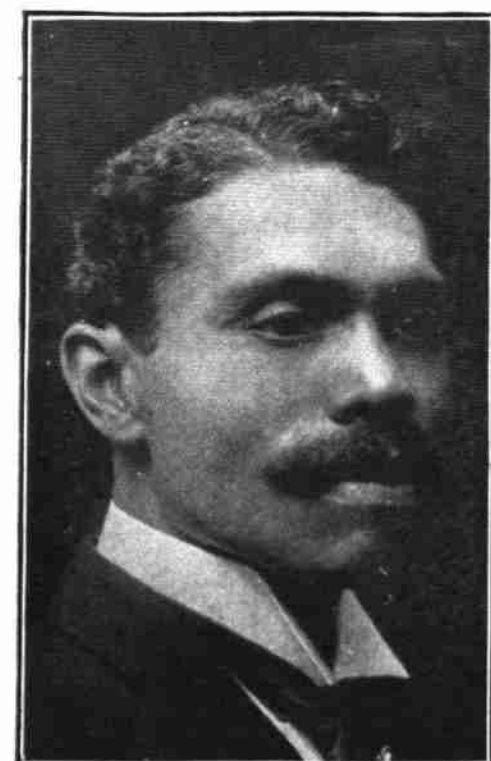
Ralph W. Tyler

Washington, D. C.

MR. TYLER is auditor of the Navy Department in the Treasury Department in Washington. He was born in Columbus, March 18, 1860. He traces his ancestry back to the American Indians. He attended grammar and high schools in Columbus,

and studied a year at Baldwin, Mo. He began teaching at the age of nineteen and continued several years.

At the close of his school work, he secured employment in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad offices as clerk in the supply department. Later, he became a letter carrier, and remained in the government service until the inauguration of President Cleveland, when, with many other Republicans, he gave up his place to a Democrat. He then worked as janitor for the Columbus *Evening Dispatch*. He



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became interested in newspaper work, studied shorthand, and was soon promoted from janitor to the circulation, news, and business departments, assistant to the manager, and secretary to the proprietor.

He was employed on the *Dispatch* for seventeen years, but resigned to accept a similar position on the *Ohio State Journal* — the only Negro ever employed on the staff of a white daily in Ohio, and said to be the only one in the country to hold such a position in the business department of a white daily.

He was appointed auditor for the Navy Department of the Treasury Department in 1907 by President Roosevelt, the first intimation of the appointment being conveyed to Mr. Tyler by the Associated Press dispatches. The salary of this office is \$4,000 a year. He is at the head of a department having a force of one hundred and fifteen clerks, and auditing more than \$100,000,000 annually.

He has supported himself from the age of fourteen years, doing all kinds of work, from shoveling coal to his present position. He is married and has three sons. By industry and economy he has prospered, and it is said he can write his check for \$25,000. His success in public as well as private service is evidence of the possibilities open to young men.

Major Robert R. Moton

Hampton, Va.

MAJOR MOTON is commandant of cadets at Hampton Institute. He was born of former slave parents, August 26, 1867, in Emelia County, Virginia.

He spent the first seventeen years of his life on a farm, in an

adjoining county, going to school whenever the work on the farm allowed. His first education was obtained from his mother, who taught him how to read at night after his work was done. His mother's training and his association with the better class of white people were, perhaps, his best education in the earlier days.



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He was eager to learn, and his efforts for an education resulted in his entering Hampton Institute in October, 1885. Hampton students, then, as now, earned their way through school by labor with their hands, and Robert

Moton worked in the sawmill for his first year, after which he passed through the institution, graduating in 1890.

Shortly before General Armstrong's death, in 1893, he was asked to assume the responsibilities of disciplinarian and military instructor of the school. Since then he has held the position as executive officer and commandant of cadets.

For several years he has devoted much time in the North with Dr. Frissell, raising money for the school, and creating sentiment in favor of Negro education.

He is a man of commanding presence, a fine speaker, and an attractive singer. In addition to his work in the North, he has devoted considerable time to travel through the South, where his accounts of Hampton's progressive work have been a help and an incentive to many who are struggling for an education.

Major Moton is frequently associated with Hampton's most distinguished graduate, Booker T. Washington, and has accompanied him on several trips through the South.

The Brooklyn *Eagle*, March 29, 1909, said of Dr. Washington and Major Moton: "The general work of both men is virtually the same high order of practical excellence. Both are bringing both races to a good understanding of the South."